Giant Pandas

Giant pandas or panda bears live mainly in bamboo forests high in the mountains of western China. They are easily recognized by their black and white coats. Their furry coats keep them warm in the cold mountain habitat. Pandas spend most of their time roaming in and feeding on bamboo plants. They must eat 26 to 84 pounds of it every day! Their enlarged wrist bone functions as a thumb to help in gathering and eating the bamboo.

Pandas are excellent climbers. They take shelter in dens but do not hibernate. When it is too cold they go down the mountain where it is warmer. They are considered endangered. There are only about 1,000 left in the wild.

1. Panda bears live in _____________________
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2. They spend most of their time _____________
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3. How does their wrist bone help them?
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4. They are excellent ____________________.

5. What does endangered mean? ______________
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** Color the black and white pictures.
** Highlight the "star" words in the writing.